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Date: December 27, 2000

Docket No.: 3562-0111P

## BOX PATENT APPLICATION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

As authorized by the inventor(s), transmitted herewith for filing is a patent application applied for on behalf of the inventor(s) according to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c).

Inventor(s): MISAWA, Takeshi; HARA, Toshita; and ITO, Takeyoshi

For: INPUT UNIT, INFORMATION RECORDING APPARATUS AND  
DIGITAL CAMERA USING THE SAME

Enclosed are:

- A specification consisting of twenty-three (23) pages
- Six (6) sheet(s) of formal drawings
- Applicant does not claim priority
- Applicant claims the right of priority based on JP11-369511 filed in JAPAN on December 27, 1999.
  - Certified copy is attached hereto
  - Certified copy will follow
- Executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow
- Applicant claims small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27

Preliminary Amendment

Application Data Sheet in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.76

Information Disclosure Statement, PTO-1449 and reference(s)

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant requests early publication - \$300.00 publication fee

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

	BASIC FEE		LARGE ENTITY	SMALL ENTITY
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<b>INDEPENDENT CLAIMS</b>	6-3=	3	x 80 = \$240.00	x40= \$0.00
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		<b>TOTAL</b>	\$950.00	\$0.00

The application transmitted herewith is filed in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.41(c). The undersigned has been authorized by the inventor(s) to file the present application. The original duly executed declaration together with the surcharge will be forwarded in due course.

A check in the amount of \$950.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 02-2448 in the amount of \$0.00. A triplicate copy of this transmittal form is enclosed.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Applicant: T. MISAWA et al.

Appl. No.: NEW Group: Unassigned

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 119 and 37 C.F.R. § 1.55(a), the applicant(s) hereby claim(s) the right of priority based on the following application(s):

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No.</u>	<u>Filed</u>
JAPAN	11-369511	December 27, 1999

A certified copy of the above-noted application(s) is(are) attached hereto.

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The above information is submitted to advise the U.S.P.T.O. of all relevant facts in connection with the present application.

A timely executed Declaration in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.64 will follow.

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